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Continuation of 3: Applicant has amended the claims to limit the synthetic polyisoprene rubber content to 10-60 mass percent based on the total content of natural rubber and said polyisoprene. The previously drafted claims, however, allowed such a content to be as low as 5 mass percent. Thus, it is evident that the amended claims limit the scope of the tire construction and as such, would require further search and consideration.

Continuation of 7 and 11: Applicant's arguments are primarily directed to the amended claim language and as such, are not commensurate in scope with the tire as currently defined/claimed.

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